

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Atty. Docket No.: SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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James McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No. 10/757,803)	Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman
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Filed: January 14, 2004)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.: 5421
Inhibition of Gene Expression)	
Using Chemically Modified)	
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid)	
(siNA))	

**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2008, in the above-referenced application and request continued examination. A Notice of Appeal has been filed on October 2, 2008, with the appropriate fee. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one (1)-month extension of time and the fee in connection with this petition. It is believed that no other fee is presently due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overage to our deposit account number 50-4615.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.
